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"Foods" Can Be Fun

One Consumer & Homemaking I Class from Appomattox Middle School helped make the subject of "Foods and Nutrition" fun for several kindergarten students at Appomattox Primary School. As a class project, Miss Hudson's 8th graders wrote a skit designed to teach primary students about the Basic 4 Food Groups needed in the daily diet. The skit stressed eating the correct amounts of foods from the basic 4 groups in order to have a balanced diet. The highlight of the presentation was a song the girls taught the group.

Holiday Hints

Need a Santa's helper? Try products from the pine tree. For example, a giant pine cone can be turned into the world's smallest Christmas tree.

Just mount an 8-12" pine cone on a piece of plastic foam, decorate as you would a tree, but with sequins, and glitter glued on the cone edges.

Top off with a star. On the practical side, use a pine oil cleaner to banish crushed candy cane, spilled food and turkey grease from the holiday scene.

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Zion Baptist Church

A large crowd of members and friends attended regular preaching service held at the Zion Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. The pastor Rev. Charles Lewis was the speaker for the hour. All attended enjoyed the challenge message. Rev. Lewis spoke about, When Jesus was Born. The Junior Choir and the Male Chorus rendered beautiful music. The offering was very good. The Auxiliary of the church gave Rev. Lewis a special love gift for Christmas presents. Rev. Lewis thanks the clubs for his Christmas gifts. You are cordially invited to attend the Christmas program at the Zion Baptist Church, Sunday at 11 a.m., Dec. 23. The Rodney Allen Concert was a success at the Zion Baptist Church last Sat. night. Rodney Allen is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson.

The Hunter family was happy to have their granddaughter from Washington, D. C., Varlie Sherrod visited over the weekend.

Mr. William Hunter of Maryland visited his parents recently. Mrs. Lizze Mack is on the sick list. Our sympathy goes out to the Haskin & Canada families in the loss of their love ones. Also, to the Hendrick & Brown families.

We are praying for the sick and shut-in.

Wishing each and everyone a Merry Christmas and A Happy and prosperous New Year.

Susie Ann Hunter

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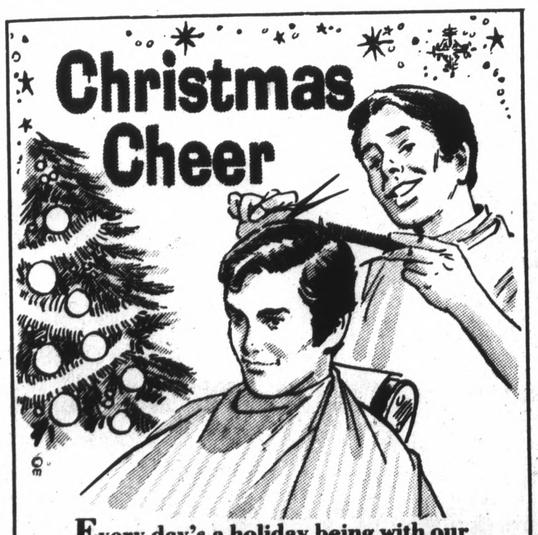

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The Pastor Speaks

Our Values: Especial At Christmas

We are a powerful people. We love, yea, worship, power. Power, like a magnet, attracts, and to be powerful either with money or influence, is the goal in life of a large number of us. We like being around power, near it, part of it. We try to accumulate it. We display it, in our homes, our clothing, our life style. We used to display it with our cars, but I suppose those days are gone, which illustrates the fact that power and status are fragile. Along with power we worship success and this too is reflexed in the way we live and work and display ourselves in public.

I do not think that success, or power, or wealth or any other thing we could work for is wrong, in itself. However, we are prone to give these things more than their due consideration. We find in the scriptures God teaching us a different way of looking at things. "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

A very graphic illustration of the values reversal often pointed out in the Bible is in the famous Christmas story in the Gospel of Matthew.

We have the account of the Birth of the Son of God, the Savior, the Lord of life. Scripture refers to him as counselor, Mighty King. His Kingdom will know no end, it will be eternal. He will judge the earth with justices and mercy. In our terms, he should be born in the rich ornate palacial home of some high holy prince. Some message should have been announced to every seat of government on the face of the globe. Luxury and ease should have accompanied his every move and success should crown his every move.

Yet he was born in a stable, cradled in a feedbox, wrapped in common swadling cloths. His birth was announced only to shepherds, of all people, and even the wisemen from the east had to discern for themselves what had happened. He grew up in obsurity then challenged the religious establishment and He died on a cross after a brief itinerant ministry. Surely there was nothing about, no beauty or comliness that we should esteem him.

Yet God turned that whole story into the redemption of the world, the beginning of the Kingdom of Heaven, and the start of God's new people. Not by human power but by his own. Those who believe, (by believe we mean more than just saying yes) have new life, abundant, and eternal, both now and forever!

Merry Christmas!

Peter Hale
Walker's Presbyterian Church
Appomattox Courthouse
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Carving Holiday Bird

A few tips on proper carving techniques from the makers of cutlery:

Using a roast slicer, cut vertically on each side of the second joint of the leg where it is attached to the body by the skin.

Bend the entire leg downward, exposing the ball socket connecting the leg to the carcass. Cut through the socket and connecting skin, freeing the leg.

From there on, the carving goes easily.

The Bible And Daily Living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

THE WORD IN OUR MIDST
Lesson for December 23, 1979
Scripture References: John 1:1-5; 9-18; 20:30-31; 21:24-25
Focal Passages: John 1:1-5, 9-14

THE WORD IN CREATION [John 1:1-5]

The opening lines of John's description of **THE WORD [LOGOS]** brings us face to face with **SOMETHING** and **SOMEONE** that boggles our comprehension and challenges our deepest thoughts.

The concept of the **LOGOS** is a paramount doctrine in all of Christendom. The LOGOS or Word of God, is to God what a person's words and thoughts are to a person. The **LOGOS** is the great **SOMEONE** through whom God acts and expresses himself in all of creation. Nothing was created that was not created through and by the power of the Word.

All created life is an expression of the life-giving power of the **LOGOS.** Nothing has come about without the expressed intention and knowledge of the **WORD.** Does all this mean to imply that God has never been alone? Does it mean that God had no beginning, that he has always existed? And does it mean that there has always existed **ANOTHER** alongside of God, who became the very expression of God the Father? The answer to all three questions is yes, an emphatic yes!

God is the Divine Author and Repairman who originated all of life and who keeps things in working order. And all of life is subject to the authority and rule of Christ. Jesus was and is the Agent through whom all of life originates and exists. He is the source of both life and light, says John.

Life is a gift from God, pure and simple. And when we acknowledge our life as God's good gift to us, we receive also the gift of light. But this light is confronted by the power of darkness. But darkness has no power over the light of Christ. Even the darkness of Golgotha could not master the light of the resurrection.

THE WORD IN FLESH (John 9:9-14)

"He came to his own...." What powerful words! He came as a human being bent on doing the will of his heavenly Father. Jesus was born out of materials of the earth. He had the same human needs as you and I have, yet he was different. He rose above the pressures of his day to develop his full potential as the Son of God.

God in the flesh! How absurd to think that God would even bother to make himself known in such a manner! How ironic that the King of Kings should be first of all revealed to lowly sheep herders! How ironic that his own people would not receive him into their midst! He came into this world and was treated as an outcast from the night of his birth. An early Christian writing put it this way:

Wisdom found no place where she might dwell; Then a dwelling-place was assigned her in the heavens. Wisdom went forth to make her dwelling among the Children of men, And found no dwelling-place. (from the book of Enoch)

But some did receive heaven's gift and so became children of God and heirs of a great kingdom. The effect of Christ upon those who receive him is radical; nothing less than the creation of someone new out of someone old. A snake will always and for ever be a snake, but we humans can alter our lives to change and grow. In Christ we can become a new creature, with new goals and standards, with new possibilities and determination, with attitudes about self and others. Certain insects crawl until given a set of wings. Christ gives to us new wings with which to fly and go places we've never been.

THE WORD IN CHRISTMAS

Christ is our focus of celebration at this Christmas season. We celebrate the "Star of Bethlehem" who was born in a cowstall. Christ is the "star of David" announced by the prophets long ago. He is the "Bright and Morning Star." He is the "Superstar." If only this "star" was at the center of all life.

An old adage reads: "A mountain shames a molehill until they are both humbled by the stars." A picture was once painted by an artist who set the scene in a night background. The painting revealed a lone man rowing a boat across the sea. High winds churned the waters of the sea into white-crested billows. The small boat was surrounded by the raging waters. Above was a dark and angry sky. But through the darkness shone one lone star. Upon this star the man in the boat fixes his gaze and on through the storm he rowed. Beneath the picture the artist had written: "If I lose that, I am lost."

If we lose sight of the "Star of Bethlehem," we will be lost. Christ is the "star" that can help us face all of life with a sense of joy. A certain leader of the French Revolution said to a poor peasant: we will burn down all your churches and steeples, so that you will not have any reminders of your superstitious beliefs." Said the peasant to the leader, "But you cannot help but leave the stars."

Somehow the stars have always reminded people of that greater star, the Christ child. Merry Christmas!

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va.

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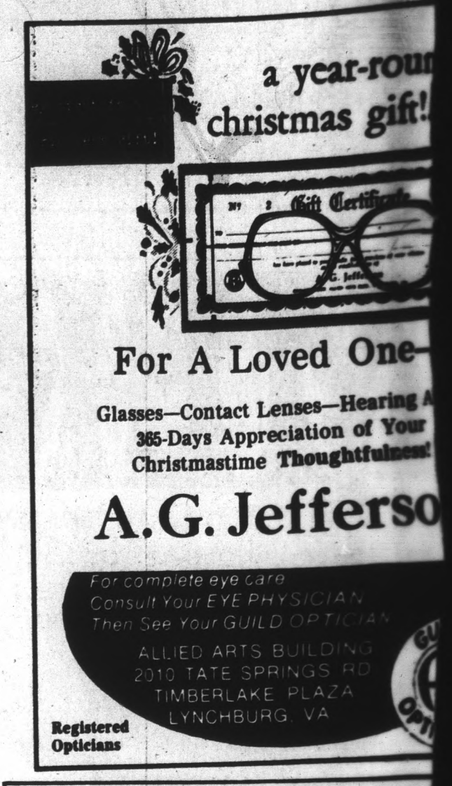

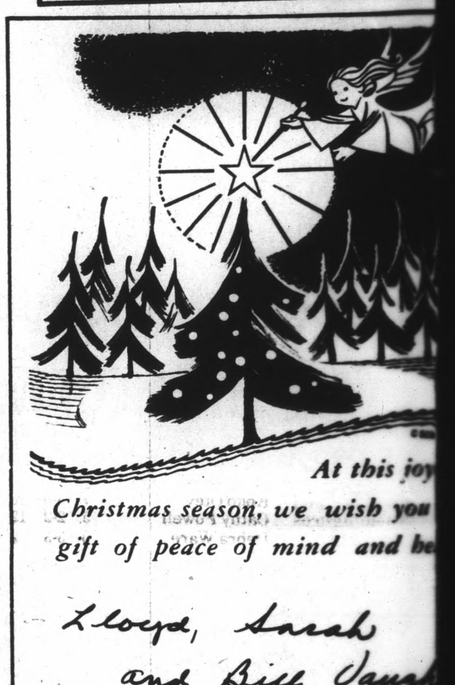

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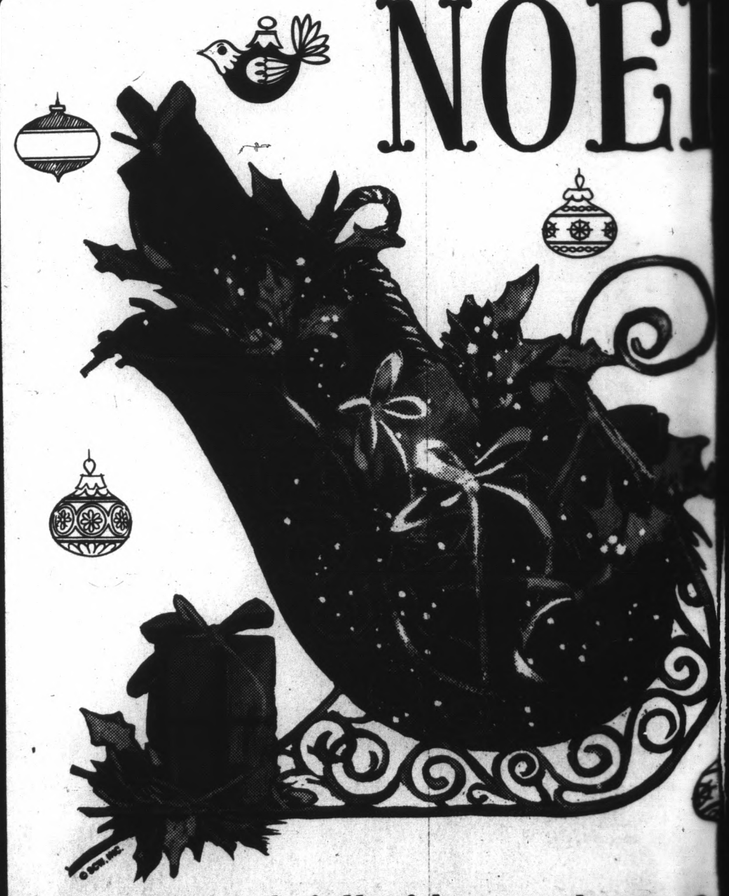

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